

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (new) A belt roller for a safety belt system in a motor vehicle which locks a belt roll in the event of a belt velocity which exceeds a threshold value and/or in the event of a vehicle deceleration/acceleration which exceeds a threshold value, comprising:

a belt roll arranged to receive a safety belt wound thereon;

a locking device which selectively prevents rotation of the belt roll;

a torsion bar, the torsion bar having a longitudinal axis parallel to an axis of rotation of the belt roll, and being connected at one end to the locking device and at the other end to the belt roll;

at least one coupling element disposed between the belt roll and the torsion bar such that the at least one coupling element is displaceable along the longitudinal axis of the torsion bar between an active position in which the at least one coupling element is rotationally fixedly connected to the torsion bar on one side and the belt roll on the other side, and a passive position in which the at least one coupling element is one of not rotationally fixedly connected to either the belt roller or the torsion bar, is rotationally fixedly connected only to the belt roller, or is rotationally fixedly connected only to the torsion bar; and

at least one actuating element arranged to displace the at least one coupling element between the active position and the passive position,

wherein

an external contour of each coupling element is not round and substantially matches a corresponding internal contour of a corresponding cavity inside the belt roll, and

two axially adjacent coupling elements are arranged circumferentially rotated with respect to one another.

14. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the cross section of the torsion bar decreases conically starting from the torsion bar connection to the locking device toward the torsion bar connection to the belt roll.

15. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the coupling elements are torsion-proof sleeves.

16. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the coupling elements have internal teeth, the torsion bar has corresponding external teeth configured to engage the coupling element internal teeth.

17. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 14, wherein the coupling elements have internal teeth,

the torsion bar has corresponding external teeth configured to engage the coupling element internal teeth.

18. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 16, wherein the internal teeth and the external teeth have tooth peaks and tooth valleys aligned parallel to the longitudinal axis of the torsion bar.

19. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the external contour of the coupling elements includes projecting cams, the belt roll cavities are aligned parallel to the longitudinal axis of the torsion bar.

20. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 18, wherein the external contour of the coupling elements includes projecting cams, the belt roll cavities are aligned parallel to the longitudinal axis of the torsion bar.

21. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the at least one actuating element is driven by an actuating drive provided coaxially with the torsion bar to displace the coupling elements through their respective cavities.

22. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 19, wherein the at least one actuating element is driven by an actuating drive provided coaxially with the torsion bar to displace the coupling elements through their respective cavities.

23. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 21, wherein the actuating drive is reversible.

24. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 23, wherein the actuating drive is one of an electric motor and pneumatic drive.

25. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 21, wherein the actuating drive is irreversible.

26. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 25, wherein the actuating drive is a pyrotechnic drive.

27. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 23, wherein  
the actuating drive is an electric motor,  
for each coupling element there is at least one threaded spindle which on one side is mounted rotatably in a corresponding threaded bore in the coupling element, and on the other side is rotationally fixedly connected to a rotor of the electric motor, and

each threaded spindle is disposed in one of the at least one cavities of its respective coupling element.

28. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 23, wherein  
the actuating drive is at least one of a pneumatic drive and a pyrotechnic drive,  
for each coupling element there is at least one slide rod which is connected on one side to the actuating drive and on the other side to the coupling element, and  
each slide rod is in one of the at least one cavities of its respective coupling element.

29. (new) The belt roller as claimed in claim 26, wherein balls are provided which can be pressed onto the coupling elements via their respective cavities by the pyrotechnic actuating drive.